

**REMARKS**

Claims 4-7, 9-15, 17-19, and 27 are pending in this application. In view of the following remarks, the applicants request allowance of the application.

Claims 4-7, [9]-15, 17-19 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Jourdan et al. (eXtended Block Cache). This reference will be referred to as "XBC" herein.

The XBC article names six authors. Four of these authors are the four named inventors of the present application. The XBC article is a publication of the inventors' own invention (see M.P.E.P. § 715.01(c)). Though the authorship for the XBC article differs from the inventorship of the presently claimed invention, the two additional authors (i.e., Yoav Almog and Mattan Erez) of the XBC article were not involved with the conception of the presently claimed invention. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 715.01(c), a declaration signed by each of the inventors for the present application stating as such is included. In view of this, the XBC reference is not evidence of knowledge of the claimed invention "by others" prior to the invention thereof by the presently named Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4-7, 9-15, 17-19 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

All outstanding rejections and objections have been overcome. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing remarks, the application is in clear condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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